Computer System without Devanagari Script

†2985. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) what are those computer systems which are not adequately capable to work in Devanagari script;

(b) whether any survey has been planned to assess the above shortcomings; and

(c) what measures have been taken or being contemplate to remove these shortcomings ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN) : (a) to (c) All personal computers available in the market have Devanagari support for general purpose applications. The computer systems other than personal computers do have adequate processing capacity, though requisite interface software for Devanagari support on these systems needs to be developed. The technology development of the interface software will be supported depending upon the demand, providing Devanagari support on these systems for general purpose applications.

Hacking of Government Websites

2986. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH 'SURYA' : Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether some terrorists have succeeded in hacking official government web pages;

(b) if so, the steps taken to avoid it;

(c) whether Government have been warned by an outside agency of a possible 'cyber war'; and

(d) whether India is fully equipped to counter such a step by energy forces ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNONOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN) : (a) and (b) Some web pages including Government web pages have been hacked. The identity of the hackers often can not be ascertained as the hackers generally operate under some fictious names or from other dormant sites.

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